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TO: Each Supervisor  
*Robin Kay for*  
FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
Director  
SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
APPROVE A PERCENTAGE INCREASE EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT  
OF THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNTS OF SIX LEGAL ENTITY  
AGREEMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

This is to advise your Board that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is scheduling a Board letter for the May 19, 2015, agenda requesting approval to amend six Legal Entity (LE) Agreements that have reached their previously approved delegated authority and to establish a new Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for each LE Agreement. The Board letter also requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority to increase the revised MCAs of the six LE Agreements.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy No. 5.120, prior Board notice is required for any department requesting delegated authority to increase Board-approved contracts over ten percent.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend contracts to implement new funding streams, programs, and services in an expeditious manner. It will also allow DMH and its LE contractors to maintain business continuity in the provision of current mental health services to severely and persistently mentally ill adults and seriously emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and their families throughout the County of Los Angeles. In most instances where speed and response time are of key importance, the increased delegated authority will allow DMH and its network of contract agencies to maximize, prioritize, and increase access to services on a continuous and ever-increasing basis to its ever-growing clientele, which more effectively meets the County's mission, "To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service."

Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the contracts accordingly.

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**NOTIFICATION TIMELINE**

Consistent with the procedures of Board Policy No. 5.120, we are informing your Board of our intention to proceed with filing the Board letter with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors for the May 19, 2015, Board meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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